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WE HAVE CHECKED WITH THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (ONE OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCIES TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION), WHICH HAS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. NEITHER A. LOVIN NOR A. LOVINS IS ON THE LIST OF AEC EMPLOYEES (OR THE LISTS OF THE ORGANIZATION "OFFICIALS") AS OF DECEMBER 1973. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE IS A HIGH OFFICIAL OF SOME CONTRACTOR ORGANIZATION. PERHAPS THE GIVEN REFERENCES WOULD SHED LIGHT ON HIS AFFILIATIONS. THE STATEMENTS QUOTED IN YOUR ENCLOSURE ARE APPARENTLY PUBLISHED PAPERS, ALL THREE APPARENTLY PUBLISHED IN EUROPE. IF IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT LOVIN SAID, PERHAPS THE SEARCH TO VERIFY SHOULD BEGIN THERE.

THE QUOTED STATEMENT ARE NOT RECOGNIZABLE FROM OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF AEC. THE NUMBERS GIVEN ARE OF COURSE ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT TO CHECKING IN EUROPE AS WELL AS HERE.

2. AS REGARDS THE "CITIZEN'S BILL OF RIGHTS..." PAMPHLET, PENNSYLVANIA'S INSURANCE COMMISSIONER HERBERT S. DUNENBERG IS WELL-KNOWN AS NUCLEAR ENERGY CRITIC. AS THE NEW MINORITY MEMBER ON THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, HE LAST MONTH MADE A MOTION TO INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR PLANTS IN PENNSYLVANIA. THIS MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND, THE OTHER MINORITY MEMBER AGREEING WITH THE MAJORITY THAT THE PUC LACKS JURISDICTION OVER THE OPERATING SAFETY OF SUCH PLANTS.

3. AS REGARDS THE PROBABLY CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS, THE RECENTLY RELEASED DRAFT OF THE REPORT AN ASSESSMENT OF ACCIDENT RISKS IN U.S. COMMERICAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS (OFTEN CALLED THE RASMUSSEN REPORT) SHOULD BE CONSULTED. COPIES OF THIS 14-VOLUME DRAFT HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE GERMAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (DR. WILHELM SAHL), AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE THROUGH THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE IN SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA. NRC TODAY REQUESTED THEIR OFFICE OF RESEARCH TO SEND YOU A SET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN GENERAL, THE CONSEQUENCES MENTIONED IN THE DUNENFELD PAMPHLET ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THOSE OF ANY ACCIDENT FORESEEN IN THE RASMUSSEN REPORT.

4. IN RESPONSE AMCONSUL'S NOTE TO SIEVERING (WHO HAS LEFT DEPARTMENT TO BECOME ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF ERDA), WE ALSO ARE AIR-POUCHING SEVERAL ARTICLES AND REPORTS WHICH TRY TO PRESENT BALANCED VIEW AT "EDUCATED LAY LEVEL" OF THE NUCLEAR POWER CONTROVERSY. KISSINGER

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